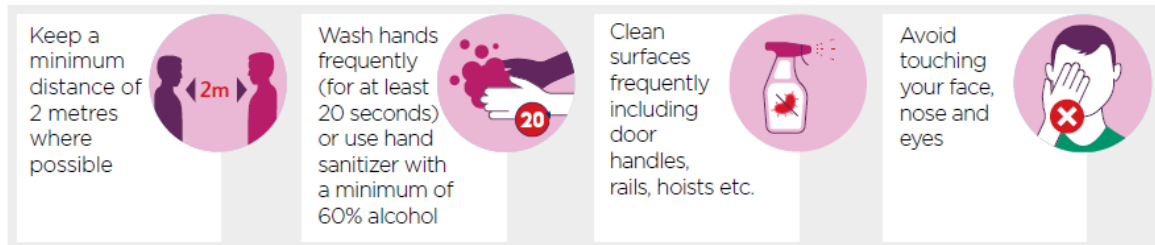


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Vehicle sharing during Covid-19 Coronavirus



Wherever possible, we must observe the social distancing advice and one person per vehicle must be our standard position. **Two people per vehicle is the absolute maximum** and only following a dynamic risk assessment with the crew / team.

Is the work necessary to be carried out? Has a Vehicle Risk assessment been carried out?

- If any member of the crew is displaying symptoms, however mild, that person should go home and self-isolate.
- Both parties must agree to travel with each other
- If they fall into one of the higher risk categories, an assessment should be made with all parties that they are ok to continue work?
- Wherever possible, keep the same two people working in one team.
- Where it is safe to do so, do not swap the team's roles i.e. the driver should remain as the driver and the passenger stays as a passenger.
- Consider alternative transport for the passenger (Second operative). Maybe a second vehicle could be used or public transport. Though if the passenger were to use public transport that is likely to be more of a health risk all round – both to the passenger and fellow commuters.
- Hygiene is key – use tissues for coughing and sneezing (which must be bagged). Wash or sanitise hands as much as possible and ensure the handles and touch points within the vehicle are wiped down regularly.
- Try to avoid facing each other and keep the windows open. Turn the air conditioning off.
- Where possible, avoid contact with each other in the vehicle
- Face coverings should be considered by all members of staff in the vehicle, unless they are exempt from wearing one or if the wearing of a covering impedes a driver's vision or causes a distraction
- Have the interior and touch points e.g. door handles, doors etc. been cleaned or sanitised?
- The team should take only what is necessary for their journey and the work they will be doing
- If the vehicle breaks down, observe all Pinnacle COVID 19 protocols and any instruction given by the mechanic attending the vehicle



COVID 19 update

To help contain the virus, office workers who can work effectively from home should do so over the winter. Where an employer, in consultation with their employee, judges an employee can carry out their normal duties from home they should do so.

Public-sector employees working in essential services, including education settings, should continue to go into work where necessary.

Anyone else who cannot work from home should go to their place of work.

The risk of transmission can be substantially reduced if [COVID-secure guidelines](#) are followed closely. Extra consideration should be given to those people at higher risk.

Those classed as [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) can go to work as long as the workplace is COVID-19 secure, but should carry on working from home wherever possible.

There is no limit to group size when you are meeting or gathering for work purposes, but workplaces should be set up to meet the COVID-secure guidelines.

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but aim to reduce the number of journeys you make

Information on local COVID alert levels, including what they mean, why they are being introduced and what the different levels are, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>

